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TAGS: PREL, PGOV, MARR, BE, FR, UK, LI, IV, SL, UV, AO,  
RW, NI, CG, LY, UN, ECOWAS

SUBJECT: A/S GEORGE MOOSE MEETS WITH BELGIANS AND FRENCH

1. SUMMARY: ASSISTANT SECRETARY GEORGE MOOSE MET  
SEPARATELY WITH BELGIAN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
AND FRENCH [REDACTED]

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ON APRIL 20, 1995. AF COUNTRY DIRECTORS SAT IN ON VARIOUS PARTS OF THE MEETINGS. DISCUSSIONS COVERED A RANGE OF COUNTRIES/ISSUES, INCLUDING ZAIRE RWANDA, LIBERIA, SIERRA LEONE, ANGOLA, AND LIBYA'S SEAT ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL. COMMON THEMES INCLUDED THE DANGERS OF ARMS FLOWS AND THE NEED FOR GREATER REGIONAL, AFRICAN, AND UN ENGAGEMENT IN CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND PEACEMAKING EFFORTS.

2. [REDACTED] LED OFF COMMENTING THAT HE WAS NOT SURE THAT THERE WAS MUCH POSITIVE TO SAY ABOUT THE USUAL TOPICS OF DISCUSSIONS. FOLIA B6

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RWANDA  
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5. POLITICAL SITUATION: [REDACTED] NOTED THAT WHILE THE ECONOMY IS COMING BACK TO LIFE, HE SEES EVIDENCE THAT RWANDA IS SLIDING BACK TOWARDS A TRADITIONAL TUTSI REGIME, A VIEW SHARED BY THE BELGIAN EMBASSY IN KIGALI. THIS LED TO A GENERAL DISCUSSION WITH SPECIAL COORDINATOR TOWNSEND

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FRIEDMAN AS TO WHETHER TUTSI DOMINANCE WAS BY DESIGN OR MERELY A REFLECTION OF THE PREDOMINANTLY TUTSI COMPOSITION OF THE RPF. THE BELGIANS TEND TO DISCOUNT THE IDEA OF A MASTER PLAN. THEY ARE CONVINCED, HOWEVER, THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS EXECUTING A PLAN TO DISCREDIT THEM AND THUS

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NEUTRALIZE BELGIAN POLITICAL LEVERAGE. IN THE LONG TERM,  
THE BELGIANS ARE CONCERNED THAT DESPITE FOREIGN  
ASSISTANCE, THERE WILL BE NO POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT.

6. JUDICIAL PROCESS: THERE IS AN IMMEDIATE PROBLEM WITH  
THE JUDICIAL PROCESS; THE PRISONS ARE FULL AND THE  
JUDICIAL PROCESS APPEARS STALLED. (THERE WAS AGREEMENT  
THAT THE RED CROSS PLAN TO BUILD NEW PRISONS WAS A VERY  
BAD ANSWER TO THE PROBLEM.) THE ORIGINAL IDEA WAS THAT  
THERE WOULD INDEED BE LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE ARRESTED,  
BUT THEIR CASES WOULD BE QUICKLY REVIEWED BY COMMISSIONS  
D' TRIAGE, AND ONLY THOSE SUSPECTED OF SERIOUS OFFENSES

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WOULD BE HELD FOR FORMAL TRIAL. THE COMMISSIONS DON'T  
APPEAR TO BE WORKING. THERE WAS SPECULATION ABOUT THE  
GOVERNMENT'S SINCERITY AND COMMITMENT TO POLITICAL  
RECONCILIATION AND FEAR THAT THE GOVERNMENT MIGHT ACTUALLY  
BE STALLING THE COMMISSIONS IN ORDER TO TERRORIZE THE  
POPULATION. [REDACTED] STRESSED THE NEED TO PRESSURE THE  
GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA TO SPEED UP THE PROCESS. A/S MOOSE  
NOTED THAT THE U.S. FACES LEGAL IMPEDIMENTS TO ASSISTING  
THE COMMISSIONS.

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7. ARMS: THE BELGIANS ARE AWARE OF AND WORRIED ABOUT ARMS  
SHIPMENTS FROM SOFIA TO GOMA. THERE WAS AGREEMENT THAT WE  
SHOULD ATTEMPT TO STOP ANY ARMS FLOW INTO THE CAMPS,  
ESPECIALLY AS THIS MIGHT IMPROVE OUR CREDIBILITY WITH THE  
GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA. FRIEDMAN ASKED [REDACTED] VIEW OF  
LIFTING THE ARMS EMBARGO ON THE GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA.

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[REDACTED] WAS DUBIOUS, WONDERING HOW ONE COULD EXPLAIN  
SUCH A MOVE TO THE U.S. AND BELGIAN PUBLIC IN THE LIGHT OF  
THE GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA'S BEHAVIOR. A/S MOOSE SUGGESTED  
THAT SELECTIVE EXEMPTION OF NON-LETHAL EQUIPMENT BY THE UN  
MIGHT NOT BE UNREASONABLE. [REDACTED] WAS SKEPTICAL OF  
THIS AS WELL.

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8. RELIEF EFFORT: A/S MOOSE WORRIED ABOUT AN AID REPORT  
THAT THE DONOR NATIONS WERE NOT COORDINATING WELL AND THAT  
WHILE MUCH AID HAD BEEN PLEDGED, LITTLE HAD ACTUALLY BEEN  
DELIVERED. [REDACTED] SAID THAT ASSISTANCE WAS BEING  
DISBURSED VERY FAST; HE JUST WORRIED WHETHER IT WOULD

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REALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE SIX MONTHS FROM NOW.

9. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE MEETING WITH [REDACTED] MR.  
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MOOSE MET WITH [REDACTED]  
DISCUSSIONS BEGAN WITH LIBERIA.

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SIERRA LEONE  
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19. THE MEETINGS WERE FOLLOWED BY A WORKING LUNCH FOR ALL

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PARTICIPANTS .      CHRISTOPHER

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